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Title:	SPHEROIDAL SLAG AND FLY ASH PARTICLES AND APPARATUS AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SAME		

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 22, 1999, the following amendments and remarks are provided:

Amendments

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 9-50, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1-8.

1. (Amended Twice) A composition comprising [Spheroidal] particles prepared from coal slag or coal fly ash having at least a hard outer shell and comprising SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, FeO, CaO, K<sub>2</sub>O, and Na<sub>2</sub>O, wherein at least 50% of the particles are substantially spheroidal.

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